

A Joint Resolution of the Senate and the House of Representatives of the State of Montana to study land use laws.

WHEREAS, Many bills in the 2009 Legislature attempted to tackle perceived land use problems.

WHEREAS, land use laws are revised every legislative session, sometimes with unintended consequences that lead to frustration for the development community, local governing bodies, and citizens; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

That the Legislative Council be requested to designate an appropriate interim committee, pursuant to section 5-5-217, MCA, or direct sufficient staff resources to study land use regulations.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the study analyze how to balance the protection of public health, safety, and welfare with the rights of private property owners; and respect the distinctive characteristics of our local communities by enabling local control over land use regulations.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that if the study is assigned to staff, any findings or conclusions be presented to and reviewed by an appropriate committee designated by the Legislative Council.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all aspects of the study, including presentation and review requirements, be concluded prior to September 15, 2010.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the final results of the study, including any findings, conclusions, comments, or recommendations of the appropriate committee, be reported to the 62nd Legislature.